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Professor Joshua Lederberg  
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Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Professor Lederberg:

May we request your aid in finding a bacteriologist to fill a vacancy in our department? Dr. John Warren has just resigned to accept a position with a commercial organization in Central America. With the autumn semester so close, we are obviously in a rather awkward position.

We are seeking someone at the instructor or assistant professor level to teach General Bacteriology and help in teaching one section of the General Botany course. Since the General Botany course is large, most of us participate in it. Within a reasonable time, it would be expected that courses of a more specialized nature would be offered by the new man.

We should especially like to have someone who is actively interested in using micro-organisms in comparative biochemical studies or who has a research interest in microbial genetics. Facilities on the campus and at the Duke Marine Biological Station are available for such studies and every effort will be made to promote research in these areas. Inasmuch as our teaching load is not excessive, all members of the staff are engaged in research. An excellent atmosphere for creative work prevails.

We know this is rather short notice. Nevertheless, we hope you can recommend someone or give us a lead. In the absence of our chairman (Dr. Hugo Blomquist), Dr. Paul Kramer has been authorized to negotiate directly with anyone interested in the opening. Dr. Kramer has asked that I assist him.

Yours sincerely,

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